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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Applicant : Hans REICHLE )  
Application No. : PCT/CH99/00318 ) PRELIMINARY  
Filed : July 13, 1999 ) AMENDMENT  
Nat'l.Stage Entry: Concurrently )  
For : CONTACT ASSEMBLY FOR MULTIPLE )  
CONNECTION STRAP FOR CABLE )  
TERMINALS, AS WELL AS MULTIPLE )  
CONNECTION STRIP )  
Attorney Docket : 32066-152531 )

March 16, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: PCT-DO/US

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 9,

Line 1, change "claims 6 to" to --claim 6--.

Line 2, delete "8".

REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate the multiple dependency of claim 9.

Respectfully submitted

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